

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA
ROCK HILL DIVISION

Marvin Eubanks,)	C/A No.: 0:17-54-TLW-SVH
)	
Plaintiff,)	
)	
vs.)	
)	
Holly Eubanks; South Carolina)	ORDER
Department of Social Services; and)	
Janice Chapman, individually for her)	
actions as Lancaster County DSS)	
Director,)	
)	
Defendants.)	
)	

This matter comes before the court on the referral of pretrial management of this case to the undersigned. [ECF No. 20]. On May 25, 2017, the Honorable Terry L. Wooten, Chief United States District Judge, referred this matter to the undersigned pursuant to Local Civ. Rule 73.02(B)(2)(e) (D.S.C.), as it appears Plaintiff is now proceeding pro se. *Id.*

Because the docket is not clear that Plaintiff was mailed the court's last order, out of an abundance of caution, the court directs Plaintiff to notify the court by June 16, 2017, of the identity of the new attorney(s) he has retained to represent him in this case or, alternatively, of his desire to proceed with this litigation pro se, i.e., without an attorney. If Plaintiff does not wish to continue this lawsuit, he may request that the court dismiss the case in its entirety. To this end, Plaintiff shall, by June 16, 2017, complete the attached notice and mail it to the Clerk of Court at the address indicated. If Plaintiff fails

to file the attached letter with the Clerk within the time prescribed, the court will consider him as proceeding pro se.

Plaintiff is specifically advised that, if no new attorney is obtained to represent his interests, the court will expect this litigation to be conducted in accordance with all provisions of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and that the court is unable to provide him with legal advice. Failure to comply with court rules could have serious consequences including, but not limited to, striking his claims and dismissing the case. Additionally, Plaintiff must keep the Clerk of Court advised in writing (901 Richland Street, Columbia, South Carolina 29201) if his address changes for any reason. Failure to keep the court apprised of his current address may result in an order that this case be dismissed.

The undersigned will issue an amended scheduling order to ensure the Plaintiff is advised of all deadlines in this matter.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

May 26, 2017
Columbia, South Carolina

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Shiva V. Hodges". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Shiva V. Hodges
United States Magistrate Judge

Name: _____

Address _____

Clerk of Court
United States District Court
901 Richland Street
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

In Re: 0:17-54-TLW-SVH Eubanks v. Eubanks, et. al.

Dear Ms. Blume:

In response to the order of Judge Hodges dated May 26, 2017, I wish to advise as follows:

- _____ 1. I, _____ (Printed Name), have obtained a new attorney to personally represent me in this matter. His [or her] name, address, and telephone number are as follows:

OR

- _____ 2. I, _____ (Printed Name), have **NOT** obtained a new attorney and will represent myself in this matter. I request that the Clerk of Court direct all notices and pleadings to me at the above address. I understand that I am obligated to comply with all provisions of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and to keep the Clerk of Court informed as to my proper address.

- _____ 3. I, _____ (Printed Name), do not wish to continue this lawsuit and request that the court dismiss the case in its entirety.

Signature

Date